

2021 Celebration of Excellence Awards

The Fraternity-wide Celebration of Excellence honored chapter accomplishments and successes on February 21.



Delta Tau Delta Fraternity recognized its top 10 chapters for the 56th year with the Hugh Shields Award based on reporting for 2020.

Hugh Shields Award for Chapter Excellence

Established in 1965, the Hugh Shields Award for Chapter is named for the late Hugh Shields (Indiana University, 1926), the first executive vice president of the Fraternity. The award recognizes overall excellence in a chapter and is presented to the top 10 chapters in the Fraternity. Chapters receive a gavel and a Hugh Shields flag.

The 2020 Hugh Shields recipients (years awarded including this year in parentheses)

- Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota (14)
- Epsilon Iota B, Kettering University (13)
- Gamma Mu, University of Washington (7)
- Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology (4)
- Gamma Xi, University of Cincinnati (12)
- Iota Epsilon, Chapman University (13)
- Iota Psi, Northeastern University (5)

- Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University (1)
- Zeta Zeta, Morehead State University (4)
- Zeta, Case Western Reserve University (8)

Court of Honor Award

Also established in 1965, the Court of Honor Award is presented to the top 20 chapters in the Fraternity. For the 2020 reporting year, all chapters were asked to submit the Fraternity Awards/Accreditation Report (FAAR). Chapters were asked to provide documents that measure compliance with the Fraternity's minimum operating standards, exceptional facets of their operations and Delta Tau Delta programming. Chapters were graded on excellence in chapter finance, recruitment, membership education, academics, alumni relations and community service. Chapters are honored with a gavel.

The 2020 Court of Honor (years awarded including this year in parentheses)

- Alpha, Allegheny College (23)
- Beta Gamma, University of Wisconsin-Madison (4)
- Beta Psi, Wabash College (5)
- Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota (25)
- Epsilon Iota B, Kettering University (21)
- Epsilon Phi, Southeastern Louisiana University (23)
- Epsilon Upsilon, Marietta College (13)
- Gamma Mu, University of Washington (13)
- Gamma Nu, University of Maine (5)
- Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology (12)
- Gamma Xi, University of Cincinnati (14)
- Iota Epsilon, Chapman University (16)
- Iota Psi, Northeastern University (6)
- Iota Xi, Florida Institute of Technology (4)
- Theta Kappa, University of Nebraska at Kearney (9)
- Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University (2)
- Zeta Omega, Bradley University (14)
- Zeta Zeta, Morehead State University (7)
- Zeta, Case Western Reserve University (10)

Recognition of Chapters Best Embodying Fraternity Values Throughout a Difficult Time

In response to the 2020 pandemic, the Fraternity established new awards to recognize chapters best embodying the values of the organization throughout a difficult period of time. A recipient from each division was selected from chapters that explained how they faced and overcame challenges throughout the pandemic.

Excellence in Creative Leadership

The Fraternity's *Ritual* calls on chapters to be pillars of creative leadership in their communities. This award recognizes the chapter that best harnessed the strengths of the members and resources available to them. Chapters recognized as finalists for this award provided a member experience that redefines fraternity through creative programming and ambitious leadership.

- Eastern Division: Alpha, Allegheny College
- Northern Division: Gamma Xi, University of Cincinnati
- Southern Division: Zeta Zeta, Morehead State University
- Western Plains Division: Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota
- Western Pacific Division: Gamma Mu, University of Washington

Excellence in Promoting Brotherhood

"Brotherhood sustains us." Brotherhood is a key component for every Fraternity chapter, but brotherhood does not happen easily, or without effort. Chapters with a strong brotherhood create an environment where members feel they belong and are valued. Although brotherhood may look like late nights playing video games or working out together, true brotherhood runs much deeper. Brotherhood is built on a foundation of trust, vulnerability, and active efforts by chapter members to create spaces and opportunities for men to grow through comradery. Chapters recognized as finalists for this award made significant strides to develop an environment of brotherhood this past year.

- Eastern Division: Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University
- Northern Division: Beta Psi, Wabash College
- Southern Division: Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Western Plains Division: Delta Chi, Oklahoma State University
- Western Pacific Division: Iota Epsilon, Chapman University

Excellence in Member Communication

The key to success for any organization is communication. Communication, both internal and external, is a vital activity to sustain effective operations and a meaningful membership experience. As chapters have grown and become more integrated with not just the local community, but the larger world, the need to effectively communicate with members has become more of a challenge. Chapters recognized for this award have focused on honest communication with members, leading to members having a clear understanding of the direction and goals of the chapter, and driving investment in the larger fraternity.

- Eastern Division: Iota Psi, Northeastern University
- Northern Division: Epsilon Upsilon, Marietta College
- Southern Division: Theta Eta, University of South Carolina
- Western Plains Division: Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota
- Western Pacific Division: Iota Epsilon, Chapman University

Excellence in Courageous Resilience

Young men have faced challenges in 2020 unlike those faced in previous years. The Fraternity teaches that whether the world is crowing you with laurels or you are exhausted from weary travel and mending the wounds of defeat, you can still persevere. Chapters recognized in this category faced the challenges of 2020 and viewed them as opportunities to rally members and overcome every obstacle on the road to progress.

- Eastern Division: Iota Psi, Northeastern University
- Northern Division: Epsilon Iota B, Kettering University
- Southern Division: Zeta Zeta, Morehead State University
- Western Plains Division: Theta Kappa, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Western Pacific Division: Gamma Mu, University of Washington

Excellence in Academic Operations

This award recognizes chapter excellence in the academics section of the Fraternity Awards and Accreditation Report (FAAR). Chapters recognized for academic operations provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division: Gamma Nu, University of Maine
- Northern Division: Epsilon Iota B, Kettering University
- Southern Division: Epsilon Phi, Southeastern Louisiana University
- Western Plains Division: Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota
- Western Pacific Division: Gamma Mu, University of Washington

Excellence in Recruitment Operations

This award recognizes the chapter excelling in the recruitment section of the FAAR. Chapters recognized in this category provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division: Alpha, Allegheny College
- Northern Division: Beta Gamma, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Southern Division: Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology,
- Western Plains Division: Epsilon Nu, Missouri University of Science and Technology
- Western Pacific Division: Gamma Mu, University of Washington

Excellence in Financial Operations

This award recognizes chapter excellence in the finance section of the FAAR. Chapters recognized in this category provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division Division: Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University
- Northern Division: Epsilon Iota B, Kettering University
- Southern Division: Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Western Plains Division: Theta Kappa, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Western Pacific Division: Gamma Mu, University of Washington

Excellence in Chapter Operations

This award recognizes chapter excellence in the chapter operations section of the FAAR. Chapters recognized in this category provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division Division: Beta Omicron, Cornell University
- Northern Division: Zeta Omega, Bradley University
- Southern Division: Gamma Psi, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Western Plains Division: Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota
- Western Pacific Division: Iota Epsilon, Chapman University

Excellence in Member Education

This award recognizes the chapter excellence in the member education section of the FAAR. Chapters recognized in this category provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division Division: Zeta Mu, Robert Morris University
- Northern Division: Beta, Ohio University
- Southern Division: Zeta Zeta, Morehead State University
- Western Plains Division: Theta Kappa, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Western Pacific Division: Gamma Mu, University of Washington

Excellence in Risk Management

This award recognizes the chapter excellence in the risk management section of the FAAR. Chapters recognized in this category provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division Division: Iota Psi, Northeastern University
- Northern Division: Zeta, Case Western Reserve University
- Southern Division: Beta Epsilon, Emory University
- Western Plains Division: Theta Kappa, University of Nebraska at Kearney
- Western Pacific Division: Iota Epsilon, Chapman University

Excellence in Community Engagement

This award recognizes the chapter excellence in the community engagement section of the FAAR. Chapters recognized in this category provided both proof of progress and thorough descriptions of goals and achievements.

- Eastern Division Division: Alpha, Allegheny College
- Northern Division: Gamma Xi, University of Cincinnati
- Southern Division: Zeta Zeta, Morehead State University
- Western Plains Division: Delta Gamma, University of South Dakota
- Western Pacific: Gamma Mu, University of Washington